



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-41. (cancelled)

42. (previously presented) A method for making an article comprising at least one piece of sheet-form melamine foam having a thickness which is sufficiently small to exhibit flexibility and no flexural elasticity, wherein a melamine foam block is cut by peeling into a strip having a thickness which is sufficiently small to exhibit flexibility and no flexural elasticity, and wherein the article is made using at least one piece of sheet-form melamine foam derived from this strip.

43. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42 for making an article having two opposing main free faces with a total thickness which is sufficiently small to exhibit flexibility and no flexural elasticity, wherein at least one layer, known as the reinforcing layer is attached to each piece of melamine foam, so that at least one of the main free faces of said article has a scouring free face formed at least in part by at least one piece of melamine foam.

44. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein said melamine foam block is cut by peeling into a strip having a thickness of less than or equal to 1 mm.

45. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein said melamine foam block is cut by peeling into a strip having a thickness of approximately 0.8 mm.

46. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein each piece of melamine foam is attached to at least one reinforcing layer so as to obtain a melamine foam layer having a main face which defines a scouring free face of the article and, superimposed on the melamine foam layer, a reinforcing layer of this type having a main face that defines the other free face of the article.

47. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the reinforcing layer is a layer of melamine foam.

48. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the reinforcing layer is made of a material that is different from a melamine foam and is adapted to have tear strength higher than that of the melamine foam.

49. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein an article is produced, of which at least one of the main free faces is an absorbent free face formed at least in part by at least one piece of absorbent material.

50. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein an article having at least one reinforcing layer is produced from an absorbent material.

51. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein an article is produced, which comprises a layer of melamine foam having a main face defining the scouring free face of the article and, superimposed on the melamine foam layer and made of an absorbent material, a reinforcing layer having a main face defining the absorbent free face of the article.

52. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the opposing main free faces are both scouring faces and are formed by two distinct layers of melamine foam between which at least one reinforcing layer is interposed.

53. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein an article having a total thickness of less than 5 mm is produced.

54. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein an article having a total thickness of approximately 0.85 to 2 mm is produced.

55. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein each reinforcing layer is produced from a fibrous material mainly containing fibers selected from: cellulose fibers, natural textile fibers, synthetic textile fibers.

56. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein each reinforcing layer is produced from a material selected from: a cellulose nonwoven, a viscose nonwoven,

a perforated cotton nonwoven, a polyamide knit, a cotton gauze, a polyurethane foam, a polyethylene foam.

57. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein at least a portion of the thickness of said article is impregnated with a liquid composition before being packaged.

58. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 57, wherein the liquid composition used is selected from: a detergent, a solvent, a bacteriostatic and/or bactericidal disinfectant composition, water or a mixture thereof.

59. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 57, wherein the liquid composition used is selected from: a moisturizing solution, a soap, a deodorant, a perfume, a make-up removing composition, an emollient, an ointment, an antiseptic, water, hydrogen peroxide solution or a mixture thereof.

60. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein a solid composition capable of dissolving in the presence of a liquid so as to be able to release an active agent is incorporated into at least a portion of the thickness of said article.

61. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein said article is wrapped in an individual or collective impermeable packaging.

62. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the various layers of said article are

laminated in pairs by means of an intermediate heat-activable adhesive film.

63-82. (cancelled)